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SUBJECT: UK WELCOMES US UNHRC PRIORITIES

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- [1](#)1. (C/NF) Summary: HMG welcomes U.S. participation in the UN Human Rights Council and is in broad agreement with its priorities. It sees c
- [1](#)2. (SBU) Alaistar Long, Head of UN Affairs in the Foreign Office's Human Rights Division, told Poloff on September 10 that the UK strongly s  
Free Speech Resolution -----
- [1](#)3. (C/NF) Long said that the UK is willing to go along with the free speech resolution as currently written for the sake of the larger polit
- [1](#)4. (C/NF) Long noted that while the UK would be amenable to going along with this language, the results of a September 9 meeting in Geneva c  
Discriminatory Laws Against Women -----
- [1](#)5. (C/NF) The UK supports the content of the Colombian/Mexican resolution to combat discriminatory laws against women. However, Long noted  
Traditional Values -----
- [1](#)6. (C/NF) The UK agrees with the U.S. that the Russian resolution on "traditional values" is objectionable and would roll back human rights  
Country-Specific Resolutions -----
- [1](#)7. (C/NF) The UK, according to Long, sees mandates and assistance targeted at specific problems in specific countries as the most useful asp  
OHCHR in Liberia -----
- [1](#)8. (C/NF) Long noted that the UK Embassy in Liberia reports that Liberia is not opposed to a one-year extension of the Office of the High Cc  
HRC Review -----
- [1](#)9. (C/NF) Long said the UK will participate in the French/Mexican-led Reflection Group on HRC Review. He was skeptical that an "institutior  
Iran Membership -----
- [1](#)10. (C/NF) The UK considers it a positive step that Qatar has come forward for one of the four Asian slots on the Human Rights Council. Thi  
Goldstone Report on Israeli Actions in Gaza -----
- [1](#)121. (C/NF) Long noted that the Goldstone report on the Gaza conflict of 2008-2009 will come just as the U.S. is trying to build bridges in  
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